Town of Lexington



Water and Wastewater Rate Setting - Public Hearing

Fiscal Year 2023

October 3, 2022

FY2022 Budget	- Ope	rating Results	- W	ater Fund		
						Favorable/
	2	022 Budget	2	2022 Actuals	(U	Infavorable)
Revenues						
User Charges	\$	12,316,466	\$	10,892,419	\$	(1,424,047)
Non-Rate Revenue	\$	308,000	\$	494,264	\$	186,264
Water Enterprise Total Revenues	\$	12,624,466	\$	11,386,683	\$	(1,237,783)
Expenses						
Total Direct Costs	\$	11,706,221	\$	11,447,256	\$	258,965
Total Indirect Costs	\$	918,245	\$	918,245	\$	-
Water Enterprise Total Expenses	\$	12,624,466	\$	12,365,501	\$	258,965
FY2022 Surplus (Deficit)					\$	(978,818)

	Retained Earnings History												
	Certified as of 6/30/2018	Certified as of 6/30/2019	Certified as of 6/30/2020	Certified as of 6/30/2021	Projected Retained Earnings as of 6/30/2022								
Water Enterprise	\$ 1,612,998	\$ 1,346,448	\$ 1,737,914	\$ 3,537,851	\$ 769,999								

FY2022 Operating Results - Wastewater Enterprise

FY2022 Budget - Operating Results - Wastewater Fund												
	2	022 Budget	;	2022 Actuals		avorable/ nfavorable)						
Revenues												
User Charges	\$	10,841,270	\$	10,831,707	\$	(9,563)						
Non-Rate Revenue	\$	362,000	\$	469,921	\$	107,921						
Wastewater Enterprise Total Revenues	\$	11,203,270	\$	11,301,628	\$	98,358						
Expenses												
Total Direct Costs	\$	10,689,159	\$	10,305,077	\$	384,082						
Total Indirect Costs	\$	514,111	\$	514,111	\$	-						
Wastewater Enterprise Total Expenses	\$	11,203,270	\$	10,819,188	\$	384,082						
FY2022 Surplus (Deficit)					\$	482,440						

	Retained Earnings History											
	_	ertified as 6/30/2018		rtified as 6/30/2019		ertified as 6/30/2020		ertified as 6/30/2021	R Earr	rojected etained nings as of /30/2022		
Wastewater Enterprise	\$	1,521,373	\$	995,546	\$	1,297,665	\$	2,565,157	\$	1,807,854		

Consumption History and Estimates

WATER CONSUMPTION HISTORY FY2016 thru FY2022

(in hundred cubic feet(HCF))

											Α			В	(B-A)/A
(1)	DESCRIPTION	TIER	HCF RANG E	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	Estimates for FY22 Rates	10 Year Average	5 Year Average	Estimates for FY23 Preliminary Rates	% change FY23 vs FY22 Budget
(2)	WATER	TIER 1	0-40	664,407	678,913	660,903	644,456	635,458	688,356	642,648	660,000	664,763	654,364	650,000	(1.5)%
(3)		TIER 2	41-80	107,531	120,883	91,895	90,091	84,705	124,119	82,313	90,000	101,669	94,625	87,000	(3.3)%
(4)		TIER 3	80+	237,070	231,490	221,151	194,533	190,371	172,745	180,313	190,000	209,975	191,823	188,000	(1.1)%
(5)		TOTAL		1,009,008	1,031,286	973,949	929,080	910,534	985,220	905,274	940,000	976,407	940,811	925,000	(1.6)%
(6)	WATER - MUNICIPAL	FLAT RATE		38,600	63,263	29,825	31,826	23,641	35,908	23,634	30,000	31,380	28,967	29,000	(1.6)%
(7)	WATER- IRRIGATION	TIER 3		386,065	477,864	326,750	339,772	% change	504,998	330,409	370,000	351,248	361,695	370,000	-%
(8)	WATER BEDFORD	FLAT RATE		687,019	696,163	616,099	657,483	FY23 vs FY22 Budget	772,132	750,662	660,000	700,342	710,653	680,000	3.0%
(9)	WATER - VA HOSPITAL	FLAT RATE		29,404	32,893	28,756	24,444	11,349	5,913	14,809	8,000	25,045	17,054	10,000	25.0%
(10)	HANSCOM/ LINCOLN LABS	110+111		227,665	248,605	238,436	234,333	227,734	167,408	69,641	207,000	213,995	187,510	107,000	(48.3)%
(11)	WATER- BURLINGTON	FLAT RATE		_	10,936	4,595	_	2,883	_	_	_	2,971	1,496	_	
(12)	TOTAL WATER			2,377,761	2,793,638	2,218,410	2,216,938	2,239,579	2,471,579	2,094,429	2,215,000	2,301,388	2,248,187	2,121,000	(4.2)%
(13)	SEWER	TIER 1	0-40	655,115	670,008	652,510	636,342	627,872	680,647	635,775	652,000	655,727	646,629	643,000	(1.4)%
(14)		TIER 2	41-80	105,028	118,482	90,185	88,283	83,318	121,881	80,865	88,000	99,442	92,906	85,000	(3.4)%
(15)		TIER 3	80+	234,697	232,394	217,533	192,973	189,217	170,119	178,642	188,000	207,697	189,697	186,000	(1.1)%
(16)		TOTAL		994,840	1,020,884	960,228	917,598	900,407	972,647	895,282	928,000	962,867	929,232	914,000	(1.5)%
(17)	SEWER- MUNICIPAL	FLAT RATE		14,724	14,168	11,558	10,511	11,349	8,683	11,808	10,000	12,099	10,782	10,000	-%
(18)	TOTAL SEWER			1,009,564	1,035,052	971,786	928,109	911,756	981,330	907,090	938,000	974,965	940,014	924,000	(1.5)%
(19)	GRAND TOTAL			3,387,325	3,828,690	3,190,196	3,145,047	3,151,335	3,452,909	3,001,519	3,153,000	3,276,353	3,188,201	3,045,000	(3.4)%

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TOTAL WATER	2,377,761	2,793,638	2,218,410	2,216,938	2,239,579	2,471,579	2,094,429	2,215,000	2,301,388	2,248,187	2,121,000	(4.2)%
Hanscom % of System	10%	9%	11%	11%	10%	7%	3%	9%	9%	8%	5%	

- The average consumption at Hanscom AFB from 2011-2020 was approximately 240,000 HCF, or 9% of the total Lexington water system.
- During FY2021, the year primarily impacted by the pandemic, water usage at Hanscom was down 30% from pre-pandemic usage.
- In FY2022 usage dropped an additional 58%, to 69,641 HCF. This is an overall decrease of 70% compared to the pre-pandemic average, and represents only 3% of the total Lexington water system.

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority **Town of Lexington Water Use MWRA Metro-System Water Use Lexington Water Use** 240 CY2020 CY2021 CY2022 230 MGD MG MGD MG MGD MG 220 Jan 129.4 4.17 119.1 3.84 120.9 3,90 Feb 3.97 113.2 4.04 106.6 3.81 115.1 210 Mar 126.0 4.06 120.7 3.89 117.7 3.80 200 121.3 4.04 125.5 4.18 3.91 117.4 Apr MGD 190 5.59 5.86 179.6 5.80 May 173.4 181.6 180 Jun 242.9 8.10 229.7 7.66 220.6 7.35 170 Jul 225.1 7.26 179.3 5.78 256.6 8,28 233.9 7.54 211.9 6.84 255.1 8.23 Aug 160 215.7 7.19 175.9 5.86 0.00 Sep 0.0 150 5.61 148.2 Oct 174.1 4.78 0.0 0.00 140 124.9 4.16 117.1 3.90 0.0 0.00 Nov Jan Feb Mar May Jun Jul Oct Nov Dec Apr 118.0 3.81 113.0 3.64 0.0 0.00 Dec YTD Total* 1,367.0 1,281.1 1,374.5 Lexington Water Use 1,374.5 **Annual Total** 1,999.7 1,835.2 8.9 YTD Average 6.42 6.04 5.66 8.4 **Annual Average** 5.46 5.03 5.66 7.9 7.4 CY2021 CY2020 CY2022 6.9 YTD. Annual YTD. **Annual** ALD. **Annual** 6.4 Flow Change from Prior 9.4% 7.0% **-6.3**% -8.2% 7.3% **TBD** 5.9 Year 5.4 4.9 **MWRA Metro System** 43,016 62,404 45,637 63,348 42,176 45,637 4.4 Water Use (MG) 3.9 Lexington's Share of 3.4 2.94% 3.01% 3.18% 3.16% 3.04% **TBD** System Water Use Jan Feb May Jun Aug Oct Nov Dec **Lexington System Share Change in System Share** 8.00% 3.30% 3.16% 6.00% 5.03% 3.66% 3.10% 4.00% 3.01% 3.01% 2.94% 1.84% 2.90% 2.00% 2.90% 0.00% CY202 CY2022 * CY2018 CY2019 CY2020 2.70% -2.00% -0.84% -4.00% 2.50% -6.00%

* Based on YTD water use through August. FY2024 water assessments will be based on share of water use through December 2022. All flows are preliminary and subject to change following MWRA and community review.

CY2022 *

-8.00%

-6.84%

2.30%

CY2018

CY2019

CY2020

CY2021

Proposed 2023 rates =

FY2023 Water Enterprise Budget
FY2023 Projected Water Usage

	Wa	ater Enterpr	ise	Budget Sum	ma	ary	
	F	Y2022 Final Budget	F	Y2023 Revised Budget (Proposed)*		\$ Change	% Change
Compensation	\$	865,454	\$	875,670	\$	10,216	1.2 %
Operating Expenses	\$	514,300	\$	533,500	\$	19,200	3.7 %
Cash Capital	\$	400,000	\$	600,000	\$	200,000	50.0 %
Debt	\$	1,179,794	\$	1,224,746	\$	44,952	3.8 %
MWRA	\$	8,743,912	\$	8,493,467	\$	(250,445)	(2.9)%
OPEB	\$	2,761	\$	2,761	\$	_	
Indirect Costs	\$	918,245	\$	977,093	\$	58,848	6.4 %
Water Enterprise Total Expenses	\$	12,624,466	\$	12,707,237	\$	82,771	0.7 %

^{*} There are no proposed changes to the FY2023 Water Enterpirse budget for the Fall 2022 STM—the MWRA assessment remains unchanged from the preliminary estimate approved at ATM.

Budget Sensitivity: +/- \$100K = approx. 1%

FY2023 Wastewater Enterprise Budget

Proposed 2023 rates =

FY2023 Projected Wastewater Output

Wastewater Enterprise Budget Summary											
	F	Y2022 Final Budget	F	Y2023 Revised Budget (Proposed)*		\$ Change	% Change				
Compensation	\$	389,779	\$	399,848	\$	10,069	2.6 %				
Operating Expenses	\$	454,650	\$	458,400	\$	3,750	0.8 %				
Cash Capital	\$	200,000	\$	300,000	\$	100,000	50.0 %				
Debt	\$	1,464,513	\$	1,595,417	\$	130,904	8.9 %				
MWRA	\$	8,177,213	\$	8,432,792	\$	255,579	3.1 %				
OPEB	\$	3,004	\$	3,004	\$	_					
Indirect Costs	\$	514,111	\$	542,416	\$	28,305	5.5 %				
Wastewater Enterprise Total Expenses	\$	11,203,270	\$	11,731,877	\$	528,607	4.7 %				

^{*} Reflects proposed budget adjustment at Fall 2022 STM for final MWRA assessment

Budget Sensitivity: +/- \$100K = approx. 1%

PROPOSED FY2023 RATES												
Residential / Commercial / Industrial	FY22 Water Rates	Proposed FY23 Water Rates	% Change	FY22 Wastewater Rates	Proposed FY23 Wastewater Rates	% Change						
Tier 1	\$4.75	\$5.07	6.7%	\$8.77	\$9.33	6.4%						
Tier 2	\$7.12	\$7.60	6.7%	\$14.32	\$15.24	6.4%						
Tier 3	\$9.40	\$10.04	6.8%	\$22.77	\$24.23	6.4%						
irrigation	\$9.40	\$10.04	6.8%	NA	NA	NA						
municipal	\$3.27	\$3.46	5.8%	\$3.68	\$3.68	0.0%						
Hanscom/Lincoln Labs	\$7.00	\$7.48	6.9%	NA	NA	NA						
VA Hospital	\$8.37	\$8.94	6.8%	NA	NA	NA						
Bedford-water	\$3.30	\$3.49	5.8%	NA	NA	NA						
Flat Sewer Rate (annual)	NA	NA	NA	\$401.38	\$427.01	6.4%						

Annual Impact of Proposed Rates on Low/Average/High Users

	\$ Change- Combined	
	Water/ Wastewater	% Change
50 HCF (low user)	\$44.00	6.5%
70 HCF (Average Lexington SFH)	\$61.60	6.5%
120 HCF (average user)	\$126.40	6.5%
240 HCF (high user)	\$350.40	6.5%



Annual Water/Sewer Charges for Household Using 120 HCF/Year

\$ Change from % Change from Water Total **Prior Year Prior Year** Sewer 6.5% FY2023 \$ 709.60 \$ 1,356.00 2,065.60 \$ 126.40 FY2022 664.80 1,274.40 1,939.20 \$ \$ 112.00 6.1% FY2021 \$ 615.60 1,211.60 \$ 1,827.20 | \$ 69.60 4.0% 1,757.60 \$ 1,184.00 \$ FY2020 \$ 573.60 120.00 7.3% \$ FY2019 554.00 1,083.60 1,637.60 \$ 96.40 6.3% \$ FY2018 544.40 996.80 1,541.20 20.80 1.4% \$ FY2017 \$ 526.40 994.00 1,520.40 | \$ 40.77 2.8% FY2016 501.96 \$ -1.9% \$ 977.67 1,479.63 (28.37)FY2015 \$ 483.20 \$ 1,024.80 1,508.00 27.20 1.8% FY2014 \$ 463.60 1,017.20 1,480.80 24.00 1.6% 448.00 1,008.80 3.5% FY2013 1,456.80 49.48 436.79 \$ 1,407.32 FY2012 970.52 157.28 \$ 12.6% FY2011 \$ 411.60 | \$ 838.44 \$ 1,250.04 | \$ 0.8% 9.64 FY2010 \$ 407.60 \$ 832.80 | \$ 1,240.40 (48.80)-3.8% FY2009 \$ \$ 415.60 873.60 1,289.20

Average Annual Change: FY2009 to FY2022

3.2%

Annual Water/Sewer Charges for Household Using 70 HCF/Year

	Water	Sewer	Total	change from Prior Year	% Change from Prior Year
FY2023	\$ 354.90	\$ 653.10	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 61.60	6.5%
FY2022	\$ 332.50	\$ 613.90	\$ 946.40	\$ 54.60	6.1%
FY2021	\$ 308.00	\$ 583.80	\$ 891.80	\$ 34.30	4.0%
FY2020	\$ 287 00	\$ 570 50	\$ 857 50		

Rates for Communities Receiving Water and Sewer Services from MWRA*

Community	Water	Sewer	Combined
Everett	\$ 291.60	\$ 793.20	\$ 1,084.80
Waltham	\$ 407.28	\$ 715.32	\$ 1,122.60
Malden	\$ 682.08	\$ 797.76	\$ 1,479.84
Boston	\$ 735.58	\$ 1,010.01	\$ 1,745.59
Chelsea	\$ 656.40	\$ 1,136.40	\$ 1,792.80
Brookline	\$ 667.04	\$ 1,135.76	\$ 1,802.80
Norwood	\$ 765.24	\$ 1,041.12	\$ 1,806.36
Watertown	\$ 618.00	\$ 1,213.20	\$ 1,831.20
Medford	\$ 860.40	\$ 1,073.28	\$ 1,933.68
Lexington	\$ 664.80	\$ 1,274.40	\$ 1,939.20
Revere	\$ 487.20	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,957.20
Arlington	\$ 939.92	\$ 1,094.12	\$ 2,034.04
Framingham	\$ 900.36	\$ 1,134.72	\$ 2,035.08
Quincy	\$ 866.40	\$ 1,232.28	\$ 2,098.68
Stoneham	\$ 834.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 2,154.00
Somerville	\$ 733.52	\$ 1,500.12	\$ 2,233.64
Melrose	\$ 931.60	\$ 1,439.12	\$ 2,370.72
Milton	\$ 894.48	\$ 1,481.04	\$ 2,375.52
Newton	\$ 967.80	\$ 1,486.20	\$ 2,454.00
Belmont	\$ 877.88	\$ 1,622.20	\$ 2,500.08
Reading	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 2,616.00
Winthrop	\$ 1,419.00	\$ 1,419.00	\$ 2,838.00

^{*}Data from MWRA Advisory Board's 2021 Annual Rate Survey, based on average annual household use of 120 HCF (FY2022 or most recently published).